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From: Salemi, Charles (DPH)
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 10:53 AM
To: Han, Linda (DPH)
Cc: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Subject: RE: K2

Hi Linda, The Drug Lab, here and in Amherst, hasn't had any samples submitted that the police suspected to be K2. Our chemists who returned from DEA school said the DEA is working on methods to detect the suspected active ingredients, but it's not too easy to identify. I guess they spray liquid onto some vegetable matter. The Substance Abuse Bureau may have some info on whether OD's are occurring in the state. Chuck S

From: Han, Linda (DPH)
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 3:47 PM
To: Salemi, Charles (DPH)
Cc: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Subject: FW: K2

Hi Chuck:
Can you address any of the questions below regarding K2 testing?
Thanks,
Linda

From: Cranston, Kevin (DPH)
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 9:54 AM
To: Han, Linda (DPH)
Cc: Wilkinson, Geoff (DPH)
Subject: Fw: K2

Linda,

Please see Geoff's email below regarding lab testing for K2 (which I am not familiar with). Does the drug lab test for this?

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Sent: Tue Jun 29 09:45:25 2010
Subject: K2

I've received the following inquiry from ASTHO about our experience in Mass. with a marijuana-like substance called K2. Can you help me with responding? Several other states are dealing with this on a crisis basis, and they're asking for our help in understanding what's happening nationwide. Thanks.

Do any of you have information readily available on the testing of this substance [K2] by your laboratory, cases of individuals under the influence reported to your agency, or other information that would justify emergency action or support the notion of an imminent threat or public harm posed by this substance?

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